

Scene from the computer-animated film *Motion Sickness*

NEXT MEETING begins at 7:30pm on April 15 (third Tuesday) at Oakland's Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave, at Manila. On the agenda will be reports on Fruitvale BART, Telegraph Ave, San Pablo's spending on streetscapes (not bikes), and what the upcoming Ozone plan revisions could do to enhance bicycle and pedestrian access and safety.

Starting at 8:30 Eric McCaughrin will be screening an encore presentation of the computer graphics film *Motion Sickness*. This film depicts a world not unlike our own, where cars have taken over pedestrian spaces, vast sprawling suburbs have consumed open space, and the few remaining pedestrians must rely on Kung Foo training to navigate dangerous streets and highways.

AC Transit Bike Racks in Jeopardy

Your Action is Needed!

The EBBC has learned that the most recent additions of the green "MCI" coaches to the AC Transit fleet do not have bikeracks. The CHP has forced AC Transit to comply with the Vehicle Code that fails to specifically allow 45' buses to have bikeracks, even though CVC allows bikeracks on the longer 60' buses! Absurd!

This enforcement represents a nuisance hassle of bicyclists and transit operators by the State of California. It has eliminated reliable use by bicyclists of transbay service on the G, L, LA, LB, LC, LD, and Z lines. This is the most congested bridge in CA!

(PLEASE NOTE: racks remain on all the remaining AC Transit fleet, including the older green "MCI" coaches and the big articulated coaches on the popular N, O and F transbay lines.)

SOLUTIONS

The EBBC is working with AC Transit and State Legislators to correct this problem. We need you to contact two state legislators.

SHORT TERM: AC Transit is attempting to deploy the older MCIs with bicycle racks on the G, LA, LZ, and D lines (see schedule

below). The EBBC encourages AC Transit to instruct drivers to assist in loading bicycles storage in the luggage bins.

LONG TERM: We are supporting two legislative bills that will allow the new buses to be equipped with racks. Your calls and letters are needed to ALLOW BIKERACKS ON ALL BUSES.

BACKGROUND

Over the past several years AC Transit has installed racks on the front of the green 45' "MCI" coaches, despite not having an allowance in the CVC to add racks to anything other than their 40' coaches and the 60' articulated buses. Since we passed the 60' bus w/36" rack legislation a few years ago, AC officials had hoped that the CHP would not cite their 45' buses for noncompliance. In fact, AC Transit sponsored legislation to allow racks on the 45' buses, but it vetoed by Governor Davis last year (during his term as Governor, Davis has vetoed virtually all bicycling-related bills).

WHAT YOU CAN DO

According to AC Transit Director Chris Peebles and their Sacramento legislative liaison, there are two bills to address the problem: Senate Bill 367 (Sher) and Assembly Bill 1409 (Wolk). The EBBC will send letters to support these bills this week. I urge each of you to also fax a letter to Sacramento supporting AB1409 and SB367. The drivers and the CHP are in opposition.



Transbay bicyclists who have relied on AC Transit's 45' MCI coaches over the past two years were stranded when the latest "Governor's Congestion Relief" additions to the fleet appeared without bike racks.

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (D-Davis)
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Senator Byron Sher (D-Stanford)
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If you are boarding at the transbay terminal, you should be able to get the driver to open the one of the two luggage bins to allow you to load your bike. Recently, we have been working with AC Transit to add slide-in, slide-out racks on these coaches in preparation for the San Mateo Bridge service.

Please help us insure that you will have more options to transbay travel, rather than fewer options. Send a letter or call today to share your support for allowing bikeracks on ALL

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

- **Hank & Frank Bicycles** 3377 Mt. Diablo, Lafayette
- **Missing Link** 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
- **The Pedaler** 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd, El Sobrante
- **Palmer Group** <http://www.bikeparking.com>
- **Cycle City** 1433 High St., Alameda
- **Stone's Cyclery**, 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
- **Sharp Bicycle**, 969 Moraga Rd., Lafayette
- **Dublin Cyclery**, 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
- **Cycle Sports** 3241 Grand Ave, Oakland
- **Left Coast Cyclery** 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley

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SHORT REPORTS

EMERYVILLE seeks ramps for future bike/pedestrian bridge. Soured by the poor performance of elevators at the pedestrian bridge near the Emeryville train station, Emeryville residents are hoping that the next pedestrian bridge is built with ramps. At its March 18th meeting, the Emeryville city council reviewed a model for a future bridge across the railroad tracks from the future greenway to the Bay Street shopping area. The proposed bridge would include stairs and an elevator at both ends, but no ramps. Residents urged the city council to redesign to plans to include ramps, not elevators. The city council agreed to continue the matter one month for the staff to explore a design with ramps. For more information or a map of the proposed alignment, please contact John Fricke at (601-8846) or jrf@cwia.com

DUBLIN BART TO LAS POSITAS - The EBBC's *East of the Hills* map vividly displays the extreme out-of-direction travel between Dublin BART and Las Positas College. We attended recent I-580 meetings and shared a written proposal with Caltrans and the Alameda Congestion Management Agency to connect existing frontage roads to create a bikeway between Tassajara Road and Airway Boulevard. This very compelling and cost-effective bikeway would work to reduce air pollution and encourage healthy commute patterns. The bikeway is further called for in plans adopted by Alameda County and the MTC. As well, it is the policy of the State of California (Caltrans Deputy Directive 64) to consider the needs of nonmotorists projects such as the I-580 HOV proposal.

ALAMEDA & OAKLAND UNITE I - Advocates from BikeAlameda and the EBBC met with Alameda Vice-Mayor Tony Daysong on March 29, 2003 to address the overlapping needs of bicyclists in both communities. In particular, they called for safety improvements (lanes markings, traffic controls and calming) in the "devils triangle" of 23rd and 29th Avenues on the Oakland side of the Park St Bridge to accompany the repaving slated for later this year.

ALAMEDA & OAKLAND UNITE II - Track hazards are among the most problematic issues for bicyclists, plus the debris spilled from jounced

vehicles is unsightly and presents a costly maintenance problem for local jurisdictions. The Union Pacific Railroad is unresponsive to most requests for corrections. Therefore, BikeAlameda and the EBBC have prepared a resolution for Alameda, Oakland and the Port of Oakland to adopt that urges the UPRR to install "high grade" concrete pads with steel edge armor at the following crossings:
 -16th Ave Overpass at Embarcadero (spur)
 -Embarcadero at Union Point Park (ConAgra plant spur)
 -Fruitvale between E12th and E9th (4 tracks)
 -Fruitvale at Chapman (spur)
 -Fruitvale at Alameda Ave (spur)
 -23rd/29th Avenues at the foot of the Park Street Bridge

COCO COUNTYWIDE PLAN - The EBBC's written comments on the *Draft Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* focused criticism on the "unconventional bikeways" that exist along Ygnacio Valley Road and Treat Blvd. They are essentially "one-way Class I sidewalks." These sidepaths compromise the safety for bicyclists and pedestrians and create conflicts on account of their substandard width for a shared bicycle/pedestrian facility. We urge that the *CBPP* designate these routes as proposed for on-street improvements. Please contact your County Supervisor and Walnut Creek Council and Mayor to voice your support for a plan that properly addresses Ygnacio and Treat.

FREMONT & UNION CITY - The dueling cities agreed on a new alignment for Hwy 84 to follow Decoto, Alvarado-Niles and a new parkway segment). The challenges for bicyclists will be to 1) make sure on-street bikeways are incorporated into the new route, with special attention at intersections like Decoto/Alvarado-Niles; 2) make sure bicyclists are accommodated when the old 84 alignment (Thornton - Fremont - Peralta - Mowry) reverts to local control; and 3) as the old parkway land is developed, probably into housing, we should be on the lookout for bike/ped connections between Isherwood and Decoto.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COUNTS - Results from the traffic counts commissioned

by the MTC corroborate the EBBC's long-held contention that the Census commute data undercounts bicyclists—especially in poorer neighborhoods. High numbers of bicyclists were counted near Coliseum BART. The highest counts in CoCoCo were on the Ohlone Trail at Fairmount Ave in El Cerrito.

ALEX ZUCKERMANN UPDATE - After our initial optimism when Alex regained consciousness in January, Alex suffered respiratory infections that resulted in his decline. Recent visitors to the Kaiser Acute Care Center, 1440 168th Ave in San Lorenzo, report that the EBBC founder is now progressing. Out of respect for Alex and his family, the EBBC has yet to take an official position on Assembly Resolution 39 by Wilma Chan to name the East Span bikepath after Alex. Alex crashed while bicycling across the closed upper deck of the Bay Bridge on October 26, 2002 with Caltrans officials. His last post to advocates was signed, Alex "All-the-Way-Across-the-Bay" Zuckermann.

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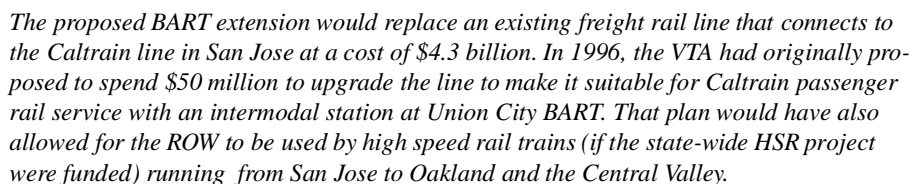
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WRITE NOW!

Senate Bill 916 (Perata) adds \$1 to Bay Area bridge tolls to reduce congestion on the bridges by expanding transit projects. The innovative Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) element conceived by East Bay Bicycle Coalition and the Bay Area Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC) would provide \$129 million for pedestrian and bicyclist improvements needed to make these new and expanded transit options work.

Your support is needed to make certain that SR2T is fully included in Senator Perata's legislation.

SR2T is a new idea in the US that borrows on successful programs in Japan, Germany and the Netherlands. Each of these countries routinely links walking and bicycling with transit operations. As a result, the bicycle feeder mode has blossomed and continues to rise. Bicyclists in busy Tokyo account for over 36% all trips. Such shifts have occurred as a result in policy changes and investments. For example, the Bicycle Law issued and implemented by the Japanese government in 1980 encourages local governments to provide bicycle lanes and bicycle parking facilities near the metro stations.

SR2T has three major components:

- Routine provision of safe bike/ped access to transit stations from all quadrants;
- Secure bicycle parking at all stations; and
- Removal of major barriers to walking and bicycling near transit stations.
- Our specific projects proposed for the toll increase expenditure plan represent only the highest-priority projects that were carefully selected to reduce bridge congestion. This so-called "bridge nexus" necessarily excludes many worthy SR2T-type projects outside of the bridge corridors.
- SR2T projects only amount to about 7%

percent of the new toll, a figure proportionate with the existing nonmotorized percentages in Alameda County. The cost-effectiveness of SR2T and its dividends for all transit providers make SR2T an important and proven element in building the share of passengers who take transit.

Please write or fax a letter of support to:

The Honorable Don Perata
California State Senate
PO Box 94248-0001
FAX: (510) 286-3885

For a complete 19-page report and spreadsheet listing of Safe Routes to Transit projects, please click on www.ebbc.org/sr2t.pdf. Only the high-priority subset of this list has been submitted for consideration. A sample letter is also available online.

-Robert Raburn



Lower image: A bike path running directly into the train station in Groningen, Netherlands. Safe bicycle access to transit has been highly successful in the Netherlands, Germany, and Japan and serves as a model for the Bay Area. SR2T would also fund projects to overcome barriers to non-motorized access, such as this bike/ped bridge built in Walnut Creek (upper image).

BAC Calendar

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Alameda County Meets as required, 1333 Broadway Suite 220, Oakland. Staff: Beth Walukas, 510-836-2560, x13, *BWalukas@accma.ca.gov*, *www.accma.ca.gov*.

BART (Bicycle Accessibility Task Force) Apr 7, June 2, 6 pm MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. Staff: Laura Timothy, 510-464-6425; Co-Chairs Joe Carroll, *JCarroll@lmi.net*, Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, *DaveVelo@aol.com*, - County representatives: Alameda - Raines Cohen 510-337-9427 *Raines@raines.com*; Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, *CHagelin@earthlink.net*.

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Brentwood Apr 15, May 20, 4:00 pm Parks & Recreation Department 740 3rd St. Staff: Janet Hansen, 925-516-5369, *JHansen@ci.brentwood.ca.us*, Delta Pedalers rep Dave Stoeffler 925-634-1793, *Daves@ecis.com*.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Apr 3, June 5, 10:00 - 3:00 pm, Meetings held bimonthly in Sacramento at Department of Transportation, Conference Rm 2116, 1120 N Street. CBAC addresses bicycle issues regarding Caltrans facilities, standards and legislation of statewide significance. Staff: Ken McGuire, Caltrans, 916-653-2750, *Ken_McGuire@dot.ca.gov*; Chair: Alan Wachtel, CABO, 650-494-1750, *Wachtel@aol.com*; REBAC rep: Alex Zuckermann, 510-452-1221, *REBACazu@earthlink.net*

Caltrans District 4 Apr 15, July 8, 1:30 pm, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland (Call Chair to confirm). Meets quarterly to review state highway projects which impact bicycle facilities. Staff: Julian Carroll, 510-286-5598, *Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov*; Chair: Doug Kimsey, MTC, 510-464-7794, *DKimse@mtc.dst.ca.us*; EBBC rep Doug Faunt, 510-655-8604, *Faunt@netcom.com*.

Concord (Trails Advisory Group) Call for date

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MINUTES of the General Meeting of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, held at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library.

CHAIR was Craig Hagelin

MINUTES of the previous meeting of Tue, Feb 18, 2003, were approved as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: a. GreenBelt Alliance needs riders for its annual "Go Greenbelt" ride, April 27-May 3, 2003. (b) **CONTRIBUTIONS** are tax-deductible, but **DUES** are not. Hence, when one gives money to EBBC, it should be a "contribution." (c) **BAY TRAIL** extension to Berkeley Marina will be the subject of a meeting this Sat morning, March 22, 10-noon, 201 University Av, Berk.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

TALC (Transportation and Land Use Coalition, formerly BATLUC) will hold its annual meeting also this Sat, 10AM-2PM, at Laney College. Volunteers were recruited to handle bike parking. Senators Boxer and Perata will speak. We want Perata to fund our SR2T (Safe Routes to Transit) with money from his proposed \$1 increase in Bay bridge tolls.

MEASURE C in CoCoCo: We want 5% of the funds to go for non-motorized transportation so as to fund the new CoCoCo Bike Plan. Ole Ohlson will keep us posted on public meetings we should attend. 5% of the anticipated \$1.6 billion is \$80 million. Also, all new roads must be "Good Roads," i.e., must accommodate bikes alongside motor vehicles.

B-T-W-D (Bike to Work Day) will be Thu, May 15, 2003. Funding and planning were discussed.

OAKLAND MEASURE DD was passed by voters. Committees are now being formed for implementation. We must see that the Oakland BPAC is involved, that "World's Shortest Freeway" is remedied, that a bike path around Lake Merritt is created, etc.

IRON HORSE TRAIL (IHT) 1. Bridge over Treat Blvd design selection process is being completed. Raburn will voice our preference at April 22, 7PM meeting. 2. IH Trail is completed to Dublin BART station. 3. EBMUD said it will provide alternate paved paths in areas of IHT it will tear up for placement of their large water pipe.

MOKELUMNE TRAIL in east CoCoCo between Antioch and Brentwood will be interrupted by new HiWay 4. Ole Ohlson is watching to make sure that the promised bridge over SR4 does get built. He will notify us of meetings that we should attend.

45' BUSES have been acquired by several agencies, including AC Transit, and we think they should be equipped with bike racks. But current law says bike racks are allowed on 40' buses and articulated 60+' buses. CHP, at request of bus drivers union, has been ticketing new 45' busses that have bike racks. Senator Byron Sher has authored SB 367, and Assemblywoman Wolk has written AB 1403, both of which would allow racks on 45' buses. We voted to support both bills, and any other measures that would solve the problem.

"OZONE WORKING GROUP," affiliated with Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is working on TCM's (Transportation Control Measures). We voted to ask them to support or SR2T program when they meet at MTC at 10AM on March 27.

CREDIT CARDS A discussion was held to clarify how contributions to EBBC can be made electronically. It will require changing the wording on our brochures, of which we have a large supply. (Due to your secretary's lack of knowledge of electronics and finances, these minutes will not explain the results.)

CoCoCo BIKE PLAN has been completed. Like most things in life, it has defects. Now (a) it needs to be funded, and now (b) all 9 Bay Area counties have bike plans.

I-580 HOV Lane Caltrans and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) will be holding hearings for input regarding proposed HOV lanes on I-580 between Livermore and Pleasanton. Andrew Rudiak will represent EBBC at one of these meetings urging that the frontage roads between these two points be connected to facilitate cycling from Dublin BART to Las Positas college.

ACTIA & MEASURE B Our guests, Rochelle Wheeler and Tess Langyel of the Alameda County Transportation Authority, discussed the original Measure B of 1986, its recent 0.5% sales tax renewal, and how 5% of this money will be spent on bike and ped transportation.

NEXT MEETING will again be at the Rockridge Library, at 7:30 PM, Tue, April 15, 2003.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y

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East Bay Regional Park District Apr 28, May 26, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605 Staff: Ro Aguilar, Legislative Analyst, 510-635-0138

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Pleasanton Next meeting TBD. Staff: Mike Tassano, 925-931-5670

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